

Papa  
could very  
easily  
get the  
nomination  
but came to  
look the  
matter  
squarely  
in the face.  
he is convinced  
that it would  
not do for  
him to be  
away 2 mo<sup>s</sup>  
in the fall  
when people  
are coming  
to talk  
trees.  
how you could write it on such  
short notice, he should think  
you might have the ideas  
but how you could find  
the rhymes he don't understand.  
I think it is likely that Rhoda had  
some female weakness of which  
she does not like to speak and  
for which she is having medical  
advice. Unmarried women  
do have them sometimes.  
I shall be sorry for your sake  
if she cannot come up in  
vacation, I suppose you  
will ask some of the other  
girls. We are having rather  
exciting times up here now,  
politics run high, and  
Papa and Charlie are carried  
clear away. There is one

chance in  
a thousand  
that Charlie  
may get a  
nomination.  
I don't think  
it will come  
out so but  
strange things  
are happening  
in these  
times, and  
that might  
happen.  
Dear Millie

Your nice long letter came  
today, the box of plants last one.  
My thanks for both, as to reading it  
loud, I am very careful and it is  
very easy to be so, as neither Charlie  
or Papa have patience to read for  
themselves and I read what I  
please. I always read it over  
to myself first and so know what to  
omit if anything. Papa did not notice  
that remark in the Bostonian  
column. It is curious about Mary's  
refusing to read but I presume  
she could not suit herself with  
what she wrote. I am sure the way  
Mr. Stearns treats you is very trying.  
A body can hardly help saying "I want  
the whole thing up, but of course



that would be very bad advice.  
I don't see that you have any more  
to do until Mr. Sill reports. Is  
there any danger that he will forget  
it and not go near the President.  
If you don't hear from him in  
two or three days you really  
will have to go and speak to him  
without waiting, because if  
you do nothing about it Mr.  
Stearns will think you are  
unwilling to say how many  
hours you are employed.

If the matter is not arranged  
satisfactorily soon I would  
throw it up. I should much  
rather you should borrow  
the money necessary to take  
your through next year from  
Cousin Loue than to have  
you submit to that kind of thing.  
Indeed I do not think it would

be a very objectionable  
thing to do. Perhaps borrow  
part from Uncle and part  
from Cousin Loue. If the  
circumstances from the Library  
fails I shall take the matter  
in hand and arrange it for  
you. I cannot bear the thought  
that you should have money  
troubles on hand to worry  
about. There are worse things  
as we both know by bitter  
experience, but that is no  
reason this should be added.  
So will you leave the matter  
entirely to me and feel easy  
and use the money you  
have in Uncle's hands if you  
need it. Charlie thinks your  
poem very fine especially  
the beginning and end. Joe  
says it is A. 1. and he don't see



him, Good thing they think  
so much of him is it not?

All I said to Aunt Fannie about  
you was that you were thinner  
than I liked to see you, but  
that you seemed to me perfectly  
well. Be sure and let me  
know the fate of your poems  
sent to Scribner and Leppanott  
Charlie's story appeared in  
this week's Argonaut. So he  
will get something for that  
I don't know what. His poem  
read at about. Co. Institute  
was printed with sundry  
laudations. They gave him  
\$8,00 towards his expenses.  
out of Institute fund. He saw  
Prof. Carr. and is to have an  
Educational diploma.

We had rather an exciting time  
at Chh. last Sabbath. As soon  
as Mr. Lynch went in to the  
pulpit I thought from his  
manner that he was not right  
and felt alarmed as to what the  
end would be. It seems he had

Will copy one of his old sermons  
for him Sat, and then sat up  
in the night and added a good  
deal of pretty mild stuff to it.  
One could see the change, and  
he kept on and on, it was nearly  
1 o'clock when we got out. We  
were all as you may guess in  
a pretty nervous excited state,  
but thankful that it was no  
worse, and that he did not  
become really violent. As we  
came out in to the hall Carrie

I don't think  
of anything  
more to tell.  
except that  
Duke is  
getting out  
some peach  
so it will  
not be an  
entire  
failure  
either.



Brier exclaimed triumphantly that it took just 5 weeks of preaching to make Mr. Lynch crazy, and Mary began some remark about what her mother said when Will Brier reached round behind me to punch her into silence, but hit me instead, at which he blushed and I smiled but said nothing. Sunday night we hear that he preached in the street in C. and last night he was very bad. Poor man, poor Mrs. Lynch. I do feel so sorry for them. He has lectured twice lately and I think it just as fair to charge it to that as to his preaching.

Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Ellsworth called here this morning. Mrs I had my cap on and dress

changed so I was presentable and the front door had at last yielded to the dry weather so that we have the use of it. I thought you would like to know about those little items. Does Joe write to you? If so I suppose you know he has invested in a pistol. He said he thought it would be good exercise for Willie to shoot with it at a mark. I don't mean that he claimed to want it for that, but only that he mentioned that as one of the inducements. Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Ellsworth were telling how much they thought of Joe down at the City. I guess about Jane talks to every one about her boys as they said she called



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